

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission
Lachat Town Farmhouse at 7:30pm
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

A. Call meeting to order

Drew Klotz attending to discuss putting some sculptures at the farm
Michelle Fracasso coming to talk about the children's garden

B. Approve April 3, 2018 meeting minutes.

C. Financial Report - Carol Baldwin

E. Committee Review:

Facility Committees:

1. *Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse* - Kat McConnaughey
 - a. send request to CGers for class interest - what classes do they want, compost, gardening, etc.
 - b. set up committee for dinners - Potluck for Town and Potluck for CG
2. *Farmhouse/Building Committee* - Carol Baldwin, Ed Parker, Ellen McCormick
 - a. update on barn restoration -Ellen
 - b. garage apartment window for egress to make useable
 - c. Machine shop garage doors are here and are being primed and painted this week. They are Narragansett green like the doors on the front and side of the house.
 - d. discussion on painting bids for painting the farmhouse - Carol
 - e. side door on farmhouse needs work
 - f. Dave Gengo needs to come and finish up the details of the house and machine shop
3. *Grounds Committee - Stirling*
 - a. **Set up work days on weekends in May and send out notice to list**
 - b. schedule crew to cut wood along perimeter of field for future fire wood
 - e. discussion on circle at farmhouse and need to repair for the summer - call DPW
 - f. move the compost bin behind the greenhouse to the CG
 - g. get DPW to cut edges of fields for additional parking and general farmland reclamation
4. *Farm Committee – Production Garden/Greenhouse* - Terry Cho
 - a. **building of a goat house, chicken coop and rabbit hutch - Steve Thomas from Kiwanis wants to help us at the Farm - he is a contractor and said yes to helping with the Goat House.**
 - c. purchase a small shredder for the compost pile?
 - d. heater for the greenhouse is here. Now we need to have it placed up high and get a propane tank and installer to come. - Ellen will make calls on Tuesday
 - e. **goats? Who will head up this project?**
 - f. **need list of jobs for interns this spring - from each dept.**

Operations Committees:

5. *Program Committee:* Lily, Anita
 - a. **update on programming for spring**
 - b. **Meeting will be taking place with Ester Blum and Tara Cook-Littman about classes on nutrition and education about labeling and what to look for and stay away from.**

- c. Sustainability Committee event - Jens Beuttner, Natalie, chair - Invasives - no further info yet.
- d. Herb Garden - Leslie Geller, chinese herbalist - writing an outline of herbal garden ideas**
- e. Relay for Life team to provide an update on their progress - Date: June 9th**
- f. Carol has John Forgione suggestion to hold artist event at lachat**

6. *Fund-Raising and Events Committee:*

- a. discuss Farm-to-Table committee for September event**
- b. grant for brush hog to mow fields and keep invasives down**
- c. Grant Award from Town of Weston for brush hog?
- d. discuss grant from Chris Spaulding/Town being given out by Dawn for Goat House and fencing, etc. - need someone to cost out the entire project.

7. *PR/Outreach Committee* - Lily and Anita - signs for events, etc.

8. *Farmers Market Committee:* - Elizabeth Zeppernick

- a. update on 2018 plans**

9. *Friends of Lachat:* - Carol

- a. inform commission on status of stewardship agreement, insurance for property and liability, director's insurance for FOL and what the meeting with BOS on April 15th will include.

10. *New Business:*

- a. discuss any new business ideas, etc.**
- b. talk about heat tapes on roof of house and in crawl spaces for north wall plumbing**

****We have a large agenda and the priority items for discussion are in boldface type.**